



# Gettysburg

## BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2019

### **Borough Council**

#### **Mayor:**

Theodore Streeter

#### **First Ward:**

Wesley Heyser  
Patricia Lawson

#### **Second Ward:**

Jacob Schindel, V.P.  
Christopher Berger

#### **Third Ward:**

John Lawver  
Judith Butterfield

#### **At-Large:**

Susan Naugle, President

#### **Borough Manager**

Charles R. Gable



#### **Important**

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GMA 717-334-6738  
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### **BUILDING COMMUNITY** *from Council President Susan Naugle*

My career was spent navigating state government. There never seemed to be enough resources to meet the challenges of changing policies and competing demands. Then, in 2008, I joined the Borough Council as an elected official of the Third Ward. That's as local as you can get in government. I thought working for the state was challenging! Sure, the state programs I managed, and my salary, were paid from taxpayer dollars, but now I was faced with making decisions that would take taxes and fees directly from my neighbor's pocket (not to mention my own). Then there were all the unfunded mandates, court challenges, restrictions on revenue sources, staffing challenges, dilapidated borough infrastructure crying for maintenance and replacement, political intrigue, unhappy constituents, social media attacks (I don't read that stuff.), and the list goes on.

As my 12 years as a Council member comes to an end this year and I reflect on all those challenges, I also focus on the rewards and accomplishments. In the end it is the strength, resiliency and vitality of the community that counts.

I was reminded of that as the Borough hosted the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual PA Municipal League Summit, with ?? attendees and vendors gathered at the Gettysburg Hotel. Elected officials, mayors and managers from some of PA's largest cities, townships and boroughs shared information and discussed how to better serve their communities. Borough staff did an amazing job organizing the event! Everyone I talked with was impressed with the conference and with the community. Officials from Pittsburgh plan to return with families for a visit. Councilor Patti Lawson and I met a vendor whose son is a freshman at Gettysburg College. He was ecstatic and grateful for the welcoming atmosphere his son found from both the college and community. The accolades were many and sincere.

Then, that same weekend, there was the Long, Long . . . Dinner Party, organized by community residents and supported by residents, businesses, Main Street Gettysburg, and the borough with the goal of bringing the community together in support of the Baltimore Street Revitalization project. For a first-time event, it was an impressive success. When the community comes together, we can accomplish amazing things, and have fun along the way. So, I will leave Council with a sense of pride in where we are and what we can achieve as a community. The table is set for a great future for Gettysburg - strong, resilient and vital.

### **Mark your calendars :**

**Council 2020 Budget Workshop** – October 21 at 7 p.m. - Borough Hall

**Halloween Parade** – October 22 (rain date Oct. 23) at 7:15 p.m. - Downtown

**Christmas Parade** – December 6 at 6 p.m. – Downtown

**Dedication Day** – November 19 at 10:15 a.m. - Gettysburg National Cemetery

**Remembrance Day Parade** – November 23 at 1 p.m. - Downtown

**A Gettysburg Christmas Festival** – December 6, 7, 8 - Downtown and Steinwehr Avenue

***If anyone needs special accommodations when attending any borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary (334-1160 ext. 240) at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting.***

## GREETINGS FROM GETTYSBURG COLLEGE PRESIDENT BOB IULIANO



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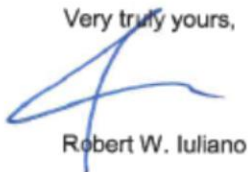
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Dear Gettysburg Borough members,

Since starting as president of Gettysburg College in July, my wife Susan and I continue to feel grateful for the welcoming nature and generosity of spirit of the Gettysburg community, of which the College is fortunate to be a part. In late August, our first-year students were welcomed by Mayor Streeter at the annual First-Year Walk, an event at which they retrace the footsteps of students, faculty, and townspeople who followed President Abraham Lincoln to the National Cemetery's dedication. As I think about the significance of that event, I also reflect on the College's integral relationship with the Borough and how the College and the Borough are so positively connected to each other. It was wonderful to see business owners and community members joining in this tradition—an example of the community-building and engagement we aim to cultivate, a true joining of spirit. As Mayor Streeter said in his presentation of the "key to the city" to a member of the first-year class, Thia Anyaoku '23, the openness and warmth of the community are undeniable. Susan and I are looking forward to continuing to get to know our new home and our new neighbors.

In my role as president, I can't imagine anything more inspiring than joining the Gettysburg community and helping the faculty, students, and staff 'do great work,' as we say at the College. My life has been devoted to and defined by higher education, and the opportunity to come to a campus where the faculty and students work so closely together on the shared endeavor of learning and advancing knowledge is enormously exciting. We ultimately seek to give students the skills and the inspiration to engage on the pressing issues of the day and, in doing so, to support the civic institutions that help make society work. I look forward to helping the College pursue these important ambitions, using the learned wisdom of our great Borough's history and our place in American history to build a bright future. I am excited about the work ahead.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Iuliano

## THIRD WARD COUNCIL SEAT CHANGES HANDS

In July, the Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Third Ward Council member Charles Strauss. Charles and family moved from the Third

Ward to their new home in Gettysburg's Second Ward. Unfortunately, Charles was no longer eligible to represent his constituents in Ward 3. He continues to serve on the Borough's Planning Commission.

In August, Borough Council appointed Judith Butterfield to fill the vacant Third Ward seat until the end of 2019. Judie is well known to the Borough for the many years of volunteer work she has offered to organize events, help with the newsletter, lead the Borough's recycling efforts, and serve on committees. Council Member Butterfield can be contacted at 717-337-0724 or [jbfd@comcast.net](mailto:jbfd@comcast.net).

On Nov. 5, voters in Ward 3 will choose someone to fill the seat's remaining two years. The person selected will begin serving on the first Monday in January 2020 through 2021.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*A Gettysburg Christmas Festival is back with Holiday fun  
December 6, 7 and 8, 2019*

Music, Food, Vendors, Great Shopping, and more!

This community-wide Festival is coordinated by Main Street Gettysburg and its volunteer steering and citizen-led event planning committees. The 2018 festival was a huge success, and plans are being made for an even bigger and better festival in 2019. Festival activities will expand over three days and will include the annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 6 to kick off the event. Festival goers can explore

three focus areas – *Reindeer Games* at Lincoln Square, *Santa's Central Depot* on Baltimore Street in the center of the Festival and *Winter Wonderland* on Steinwehr Avenue. There are too many fun experiences to list in this space, but a few new activities include two concerts, fun contests, a series of ice carvings and Santa's Jolly Drinks. Proceeds from the Festival merchandise sales will benefit Main Street's Baltimore Street Revitalization Project.

Baltimore Street from Lincoln Square to Taneytown Road will be closed to traffic for the Festival. Shuttles to satellite parking will be available for attendees. The Festival is sponsored by The Gettysburg Heritage Center "A Gettysburg Christmas Festival," presented by Main Street Gettysburg with support from the Gettysburg Nature Alliance, New Leaf Paper and FutureStake Inc.

Complete Festival information and schedule of activities is available at [www.agettysburgchristmasfestival.com](http://www.agettysburgchristmasfestival.com).

## GETTYSBURG EARNS GOLD from Nicolette James, Finance Director

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. The certification is implemented statewide, recognizing boroughs, cities, and home rule municipalities across the Commonwealth.

Gettysburg Borough has become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. Gettysburg Borough is recognized at the **Gold level** of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria, which track 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

In earning the Gold certification, Gettysburg Borough is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details about Gettysburg Borough's certification performance within these topics can be found on the certification program's website:

[http://www.sustainablepacomunitycertification.org/users/certified\\_municipalities](http://www.sustainablepacomunitycertification.org/users/certified_municipalities)

The program illustrates that sustainability is a broad framework that encompasses not only economic, but also social and environmental performance. Becoming a certified community establishes a baseline for the community, and creates a platform for conversations between elected officials, staff, residents and businesses that can serve as a pathway for continuous improvement. The program also offers education regarding ways to improve sustainability performance and is also a resource for information about best management practices for the continued success of the municipality.



**Consider Volunteering** We are always eager to talk with citizens who are interested in serving on one of our authorities, boards and commissions. Contact Sara Stull at 334-2304 or [sstull@gettysburgpa.gov](mailto:sstull@gettysburgpa.gov). Applications are also available on the Borough's website.

## GETTYSBURG COMMUNITY / VISITOR CENTER TO BECOME A REALITY

*From Charles Gable, Borough Manager*

FutureStake Inc., The Gettysburg Heritage Center and The Gettysburg Nature Alliance have made a property donation to the Borough of Gettysburg. The property, located at 340 Baltimore St., will become a much-needed downtown community and visitor center.

The need for such a center arose from numerous conversations surrounding the \$11 million Baltimore Street Revitalization project. Visitors to Gettysburg often have difficulty finding a public restroom and a central location to gather information to plan their visit. Public meeting and event space is also a challenge for the community. "FutureStake, The Heritage Center and Nature Alliance are committed to reinvesting in this wonderful community and supporting initiatives that benefit residents and visitors," said President Tim Shields. "We feel that this property will promote economic sustainability and environmental stewardship and will enhance the streetscape, helping people understand the cultural significance of this special place."



In August, the Gettysburg Borough Council voted unanimously to accept FutureStake's gift. The Borough will become the owner of the property by year's end and will begin planning to redevelop the parcel into a first-rate, 21<sup>st</sup> century facility that the community can be proud of. Specific architectural plans and a timeline for construction have yet to be determined. "Main Street Gettysburg is thrilled about the donation of this property to the Gettysburg Borough, which will positively impact the entire town," said Main Street President Deb Adamik. "This is a perfect example of how partners can come together to make something that feels like an impossibility into a reality for our community. We at Main Street continue to be committed to such efforts." Main Street Gettysburg will spearhead the effort to "connect the dots" and seek possibilities to make the project a reality.

## BROADWAY ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER

The Broadway street repair project, much like Stratton Street, has been a long multi-step process. The project began last fall with discussions with residents. West Broadway residents wanted to keep their islands. East Broadway residents didn't want an island but wanted to slow and reduce traffic. And, the Borough wanted to include some safety enhancements and stormwater controls. What has resulted from those discussions is two very different solutions.

The islands on West Broadway are a historic feature dating to the beginning of the neighborhood. Residents have assumed responsibility for mowing and pruning but, over the decades, the curbing had crumbled. Actual ownership of the islands remains an open question. In order to retain this unique feature, residents agreed to centering and narrowing the islands and eliminating parking. West Broadway residents have also proposed the creation of a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID). Under the proposal, residents will pay an additional property tax assessment annually which will go into a NID-held fund to be used solely for future repairs to the islands. It's a great solution for both West Broadway and Borough taxpayers.

East Broadway presented a very different challenge - safety. Its width and length encouraged speeding and increasing traffic volume. To address the resident's concerns, work on East Broadway widens the grass strips between the sidewalk and street on both sides to narrow the traffic lanes. Two speed tables integrated into the design will slow traffic and a mid-block crosswalk will provide a safe crossing for the able and those with disabilities. Parking is reduced but remains available on both sides. The project also includes rain garden features in line with the Borough's MS4 plan and mandate.

### What is the Agility Program?

The Agility Program was started by PennDOT in 1996 to encourage intergovernmental cooperation for public works projects. Our partners are Cumberland, Straban, Mount Pleasant and Hamiltonban Townships as well as PennDOT. Partners commit to exchanging services, manpower and equipment. They help us and we help them.

The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$850,000 and will be covered by the Borough's 2016 Bond. Costs were reduced by coordination with GMA and Columbia Gas, financial commitment from Gettysburg's new Stormwater Authority, work by Borough staff, and help from surrounding municipalities through the Agility Program.

## COUNCIL ADVANCES BALTIMORE STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT

At its August meeting, Borough Council approved the submission of a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant request to the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division for \$1,253,917 for design and engineering of improvements to Baltimore Street. At that same meeting, the Council also committed to provide the 20% match required by the grant - \$313,480 - toward completion of the design project. The FLAP request was submitted in late August. Council has multiple options for fulfilling its match commitment to include additional grants, and Main Street Gettysburg special events and fund raisers.

The proposed revitalization addresses street safety, traffic and making Gettysburg's central artery more attractive for residents, businesses, investors and visitors. The completion of the final design of the project will allow the Borough to seek funding for construction, which will likely occur in phases in future years. The total project is estimated to cost approximately \$11 million. More information on the project is available at [www.gettysburgpa.gov](http://www.gettysburgpa.gov) (search for Baltimore Street Master Plan) or by contacting Main Street Gettysburg at 717-337-3491.

## 2018 AUDIT AND SURPLUS

The audit of Borough finances for 2018 was conducted by an accounting firm new to the Borough, MaherDuessel, following a Council decision to invite bids for the service. While state law does not require bids for services like the annual audit, it is good practice after multiple years of using the same firm. It brought "fresh eyes" to our finances and an added review of our information technology controls. The result was an "unmodified opinion on our financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting principles," established by the U.S. Comptroller General. That's the highest rating. The audit report is available on the Borough website.

The audit also confirmed a 2018 surplus of \$135,715, resulting from higher than expected revenue (mostly parking) and lower than anticipated expenses. With a healthy fund balance per our fund balance policy, Council had some flexibility in deciding what to do with the extra funds. Here is where it went:

- \$8,000 to repair faulty gas pumps at the Borough garage.
- \$4,900 to remove some trees at the Parking Deck that were threatening nearby structures.
- \$22,755 for technology upgrades, including new work stations, software upgrades, migration from our not-so secure Borough server to more secure storage and backup on the "cloud." Yes, technology is expensive!
- \$15,000 sponsorship for the 120<sup>th</sup> PA Municipal League Summit to be hosted by the Borough (to be reimbursed from local contributions and sponsors).
- \$43,000 for installation of a gas furnace in Borough Hall, converting from more costly electric heat.
- \$5,500 to replace five deteriorating benches on Lincoln Square.
- \$28,945 to be used to service the Borough's debt.
- The remainder to remain in the General Fund.

**Want to be notified of local emergencies?**

**Sign up for E-Alerts**

It's easy! Click on E-Alert on the Borough's home page and select the types of alerts you want.

## MS4 UPDATE *from Mike Malewicki, chair of the Stormwater Management Authority*

The Stormwater Management Authority and Gettysburg Borough staff is working on a five-year capital budget for multiple million-dollar projects throughout the borough. As we look at the budget, we want to strategically use the monies most effectively. We hope to augment fees that property owners now pay by seeking matching grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

One such stormwater project exceeding one million dollars is Chambersburg Street. Engineers have told us that it is a failing system, and we will need to take corrective action in the next few years.

Initial stormwater bills were mailed to all Borough property owners this past July. This includes all residential and commercial properties, churches, the federal government, and schools. There were growing pains with this inaugural project, and about a third of the property owners were incorrectly billed, based on incorrect data. The data has been updated, and new bills were issued. Around 70 of the approximately 1,850 property owners appealed the charges, and to date, about 60 of the appeals have been reviewed.

Since the Ms-4 Stormwater Management is both federally and PA State mandated I want to express appreciation on behalf of the Stormwater Management Authority to all Borough property owners who have patiently worked with us as we have sorted out the details, and dealt with some hiccups along the way. Thank you!

## WATER SYSTEM CROSS CONNECTION & BACKFLOW PREVENTION

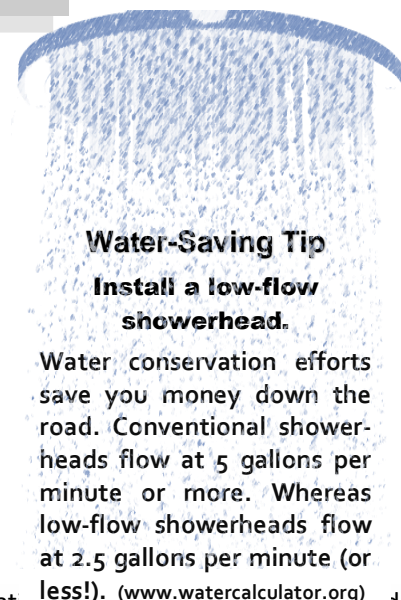
*from Mark Guise, GMA Manager*

At Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA), we take great pride in providing you with the highest quality drinking water possible. In order to consistently maintain a high level of quality, GMA, along with the National Water Specialties Company (NAWSC), has initiated a comprehensive backflow prevention/cross-connection control program. According to the PA State Plumbing Code, International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the PA Safe Drinking Water Regulations, Chapter 109, we are authorized and required by state regulations to have you install, at your expense, an inline, testable backflow prevention device. All customers are required to have cross control/backflow prevention measures in place.

Backflow prevention devices are mechanical plumbing devices installed in a plumbing system to prevent water from flowing backward in the system. A properly installed, tested and maintained backflow preventer at the service entrance to a building or property can reliably prevent the backflow of water of an unknown quality from flowing back into the community water system. Backflow prevention is important to protect GMA's customers against accidental contamination of the public water supply due to a direct connection of a non-drinkable substance to the normal drinking water piping.

The type of backflow device required depends on the degree of hazard present at your location on the use of water at your location and what could potentially enter the system. Types of backflow devices range from a Residential Dual Check Valve (RDCV) which is non-testable and suitable for most residential applications. Residential properties that have fire sprinklers and/or lawn sprinklers, along with commercial and industrial properties, require a testable backflow assembly such as a Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA), Reduced Pressure Principle Assembly (RPZ) or a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB). This includes a required annual test performed by an American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) certified tester. Your certified plumber should be able to assist in seeing that the proper device is installed at your property.

GMA's program has begun with all commercial, industrial and fire protected properties receiving letters requesting testing and/or installation of proper backflow devices. Along with directions on properly submitting the test forms to our Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Department. Questions can be directed to the CCC Department at 844-605-5213.



### Water-Saving Tip

**Install a low-flow showerhead.**

Water conservation efforts save you money down the road. Conventional showerheads flow at 5 gallons per minute or more. Whereas low-flow showerheads flow at 2.5 gallons per minute (or less!). ([www.watercalculator.org](http://www.watercalculator.org))

**Did You Know:** There are 2,560 local municipal governments in Pennsylvania – 57 cities, 1 town (Bloomsburg), 939 boroughs and 1,563 townships. Compare that to Ohio with 1,000 local governments, New York with 1,607 and Maryland with 150.



**A single recycled plastic bottle saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for four hours.**

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN GETTYSBURG RECYCLING

At the next electronic device recycling event in March 2020, microwave ovens will no longer be accepted. They should be considered a "large item" for pick-up and placed alongside the trash bin.

- Because glass is included in the Borough's recycling contract, Waste Connections will continue to pick up acceptable glass container items. Plate glass, Pyrex and mirrors are not recyclable.
- Screw-on caps should be removed if not the same material as the container (such as metal cap on glass container) and both placed in recycling bin. If the cap and container are the same material (plastic cap on a plastic bottle), the cap may be left on.
- Not all plastics are now accepted for recycling. The top must be narrower than the bottom of the container - bottles and jugs accepted, tubs and square containers not accepted.

**Next electronic device recycle date: March 21, 2020.**

**Pre-registration is required.**

**TVs and Computer peripherals accepted.**

**MOUNTED UNIT HITS THE STREETS** *from Chief Robert Glenney*


Source: Gettysburg Times

The Gettysburg Police Department's newly formed mounted unit consists of three patrol officers who completed the Mounted Law Enforcement Operations training course. After the officers completed the training, the Gettysburg Police Department partnered with Confederate Trails of Gettysburg, which provides horses which can be used on a regular basis for patrol, parades, and large events. Confederate Trails has been crucial in setting up the program, assisting with transportation, and providing equipment for the horses. When Gettysburg's newest officers Penny, Wilma, and Twister aren't "on duty" you can find them on the equine trails of Gettysburg National Military Park. The mounted unit made their official debut on Aug. 21 when they assisted in leading the Gettysburg College First- Year Walk.

The mounted unit can view potential problems which would not be easily recognized from the seat of a patrol car or an officer standing on a sidewalk. The chance to intervene prior to a situation getting out of control is a great benefit to the community and officers. The height of the horse makes officers more visible in heavily trafficked area which helps citizens in need of police assistance to find an officer more quickly. The mere presence of an animal that weighs more than 1,000 pounds is a strong deterrent for criminal activity.

While citizens of the borough and visitors initially may be surprised to see three police officers on horseback, most people quickly become curious. Many people want to talk to officers about their own experiences with horses or ask questions about the role and capabilities of the horses. The presence of the horses gives parents the chance to introduce their children to police officers. The horses help put the children at ease while they get to know their local officers.

People may be hesitant to speak to an officer about an issue they think is minor. The presence of the horse helps to open lines of communication with the community and gives officers a chance to talk to people about these smaller issues that may not have ordinarily been brought to the officers' attention.

With a couple million visitors each year, the mounted unit's goal is to help the Gettysburg Police Department keep residents and visitors safe and provide an enjoyable experience while in town.

**PARKING UPDATE – Rebecca Fissel, Parking Manager**


We have new signs to direct visitors to the **Racehorse Alley Parking Garage** on both Carlisle and Stratton streets. We also have a new option to purchase Reserved-Only spaces in the garage for an additional fee. If you are interested, please contact the Parking Department.

**Residential Parking Permits (RPP)** renewals were due Aug. 31. If you have not renewed your permit, please contact the Parking Department immediately so that you are not ticketed for an invalid permit.

The **Local Privilege Parking Permit (LPP)** is becoming a popular option for patrons. The permit allows a patron to pay \$35 a month to park at designated 12-hour, long-term meters, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m., 7 days a week. LPP meters are marked with a special decal, resembling the Borough Flag. These metered spaces are also available to others who use coins to pay

the meter. If you would like to purchase a permit, please do so online or contact the Parking Department at 717-334-1160 ext. 241.



Some of our **parking demonstration projects**, testing various meter systems, have ended. For instance, all the "smart meters" that accepted credit cards payments have been replaced with standard meter heads. The parking kiosks on the square are still in place on a trial basis through November. Once all the trials end, the Borough will evaluate what worked and what didn't and what, if any, permanent changes would benefit the Borough.



*A Gift to You from the Borough and the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants*

**FREE HOLIDAY PARKING - Noon until 8 p.m. from Thanksgiving to New Year's**

Only meters with signs posted on Lincoln Square – one block out on Carlisle, York, Baltimore and Chambersburg streets, and Steinwehr Avenue **Two-hour limits still apply!**



The winter schedule for rabbittransit's Gettysburg Fixed Route service kicks off on Monday, Dec. 9. Fixed Route service is only \$1 per ride throughout the Gettysburg area.

Going farther? Let us take you! The rabbitEXPRESS 15N connects Gettysburg to Harrisburg. Destinations include Downtown Harrisburg, State Capitol Complex, Harrisburg Amtrak Station, Farm Show Building, HACC (Harrisburg Campus) and the Harrisburg International Airport (via Route 7 CAT bus, morning only). Park and Ride lots are available. When winter weather strikes, remember: We go in snow!

To view the route maps and schedules, visit  
[www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org).



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## BRUSH, LEAF, GRASS AND CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Public Works will begin brush collection around the third week of October and will make two trips around the Borough. Crews will start leaf pick-up around the end of October and will continue until leaves finish falling. Brush and leaves need to be piled separately for collection. Place piles at the top of the curb or edge of the alley. Don't place leaves or brush in the street where they could clog a storm drain if we get a heavy rain. Dates for pick-up will be published in the Gettysburg Times and on the Borough website.

Waste Connections will also take your leaves on regular trash pick-up days. Leaves must be bagged and limited to one trash tote and two bags per week or 5 bags per week for both trash and leaves. Waste Connections will also pick up Christmas trees beginning in January. Look for more details on the Borough website.

**What about grass clippings?** You can mix grass with leaves for Borough leaf collection. Waste Connections will also accept clippings the same way as leaves above. Only Borough residents, NOT CONTRACTORS, may drop clippings at the Public Works Garage on East Middle St.

## WINTER MEANS SNOW AND ICE

business and metered areas are required to have snow and ice cleared within 12 hours:

- Lincoln Square
- Chambersburg St. to Race Horse and Bream alleys
- Carlisle St. to Water St.
- York St. to Liberty St.
- Baltimore St. to Steinwehr Av.
- Steinwehr Av. to Washington St.
- Washington St. from Railroad St. to High St.
- Stratton St. from Railroad St. to High St.
- E and W Middle St. from Stratton St. to Washington St.
- E and W High St. from Stratton St. to Washington St.

Borough crews will clear snow from metered areas when depths reach five inches. Most property owners have **24 hours** from when a snow/ice event ends to clear their sidewalks. **Properties located in the following downtown**

### SNOW/ICE CLEARING TIPS

1. Clear a minimum of 30 inches wide.
2. Don't throw snow into the street.
3. Don't pile snow near a fire hydrant or within five feet of a storm drain.
4. Don't push snow out of parking lots and across the street. Snow should be piled somewhere within the parking lot.
5. Apply sand or similar anti-skid if ice cannot be cleared.
6. Products using urea or calcium chloride are less likely to harm sidewalks.

## A PLAYGROUND FOR THE HOST

As the host for the PA Municipal League's Annual Summit held earlier this month in downtown Gettysburg, the Borough received new playground equipment through an arrangement between the League and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. GARA organized the "Playground Build" which brought out about 40 community and League volunteers to construct the playground under the supervision of the equipment vendor. Despite rain and mud, the job was done by afternoon. Thanks to all who participated. You can see the finished product at Rec Park.

